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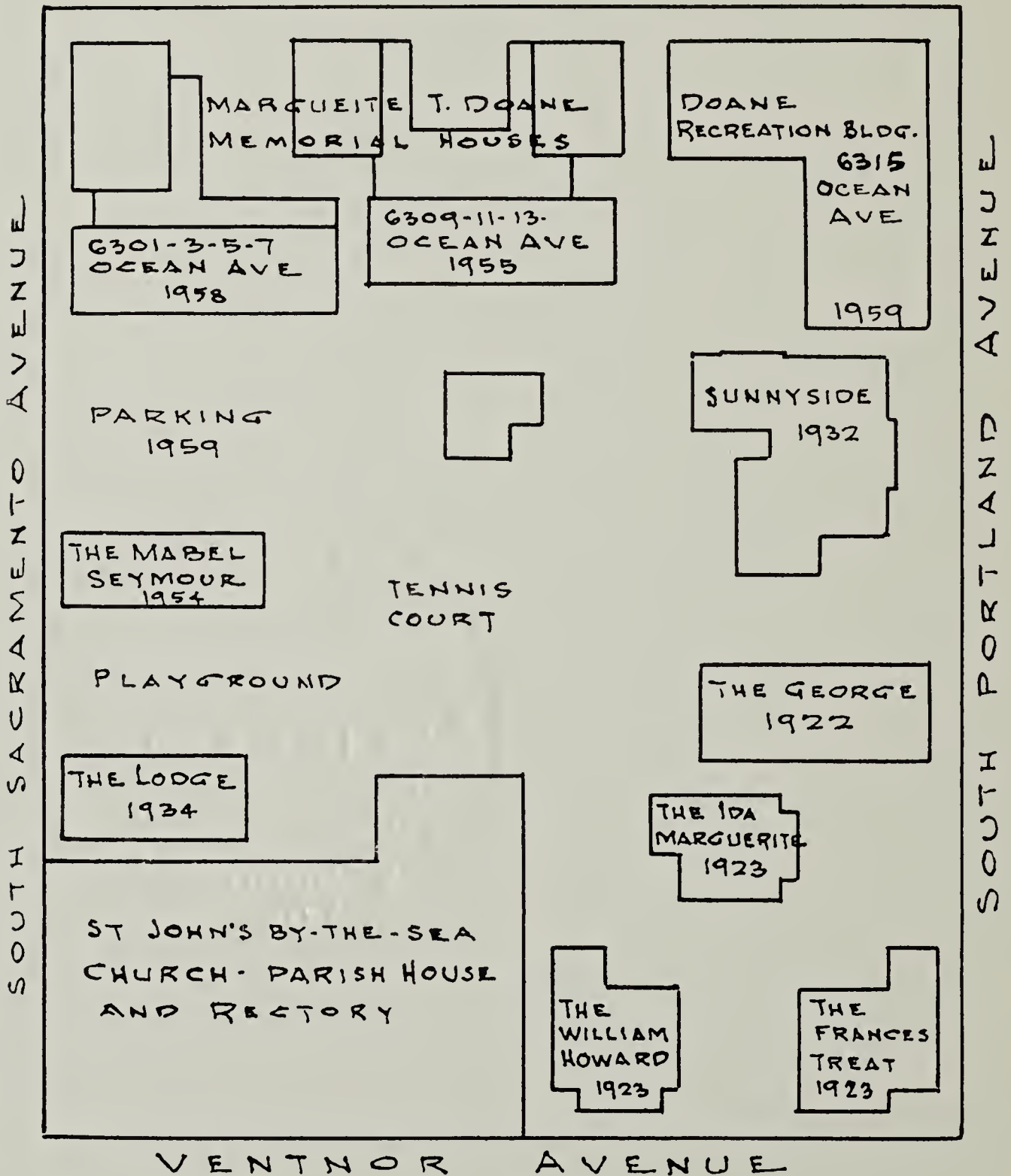
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THE  
MARGUERITE T. DOANE  
MEMORIAL PARK

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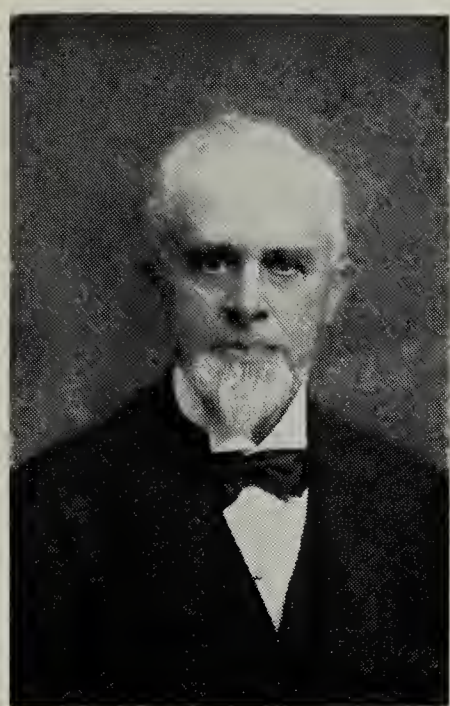
*Dedicated to honor the memory of*  
DR. WILLIAM HOWARD DOANE



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## DR. WILLIAM HOWARD DOANE

DR. WILLIAM HOWARD DOANE was born at Preston, Conn. on February 3, 1832.

As a young man he invented and manufactured many wood-working machines. His efforts were internationally recognized in 1889 when he was awarded the grand prize in this category at the Paris Exposition, and was created a chevalier of the Legion of Honor by the government of France to honor his original work.

Dr. Doane's business was paralleled by a secondary career, in which he also achieved international acclaim; that of composing religious music. Early in his career he wrote songs, directing his ambition to classical composition, but in 1862, after an illness, he devoted all his talents to writing sacred melodies and cantatas. From that time until his death in 1915, he continued composing and wrote approximately 2300 hymns. The words to some of his most important hymns, such as "More Like Jesus" and "Safe in the Arms of Jesus" were composed by the blind hymn writer, Fanny Crosby. His works were translated and sung throughout the world and the proceeds from his music were used exclusively for philanthropic purposes in religious and educational fields.

Dr. Doane was an accomplished musician and played many instruments. He was the possessor of one of the largest and most valuable collections of music, musical instruments and antiquities in the country, some of his specimens and manuscripts being centuries old. He donated this collection to the Cincinnati Art Museum.

This ardent Christian man was a real steward of our Master. He believed in thorough preparation for life work, as evidenced by his many gifts to the field of education. He erected or helped to erect churches, mission halls, a home for the children of missionaries, a home for aged missionaries and aided many a minister and young student. He gave unstintingly of his time and talents. His watchword was "To God Be The Glory."



"The William Howard"—One of the first four buildings erected

THE SOCIETY FOR FOREIGN MISSION WELFARE was established and incorporated by Mrs. George W. Doane and her sister, Miss Ida F. Doane in 1923, to honor the memory of their father, Dr. William Howard Doane, hymn writer, and to further the cause of Foreign Missions.

As a young woman, Marguerite T. Doane's earnest desire had been to serve as a medical missionary on the foreign field. She entered nurses' training school in one of the Cincinnati hospitals, but before she could realize her ambition, poor health forced her to give up this plan.

Instead of lessening her interest in missionary and philanthropic work, she gave unselfishly of her time and thought in service on boards and committees. She had a strong conviction that as the servants of the Cross were willing to devote their lives and energies to spread the Gospel in foreign lands, they should be given special comfort, rest and happy surroundings while on furlough.



“Sunny Side”—Named after the Doane residence in Cincinnati

To this end, four buildings containing nine apartments were erected at Ventnor, New Jersey, which abuts Atlantic City on the south.

Ventnor is a small, suburban, seashore town and most of the homes are painted white. The streets present a clean, orderly and unhurried appearance, which is conducive to relaxation and peace of mind.

The need for a common meeting place for prayer meetings and fellowship soon became apparent and a large administration building called “SUNNY SIDE” was erected in 1932 to meet this need.

Here the guests meet for Prayer Meetings, teas, and other social events. Many bring slides or pictures of their work, and so others learn of the work carried on all over the mission field, and exchange experiences and ideas.



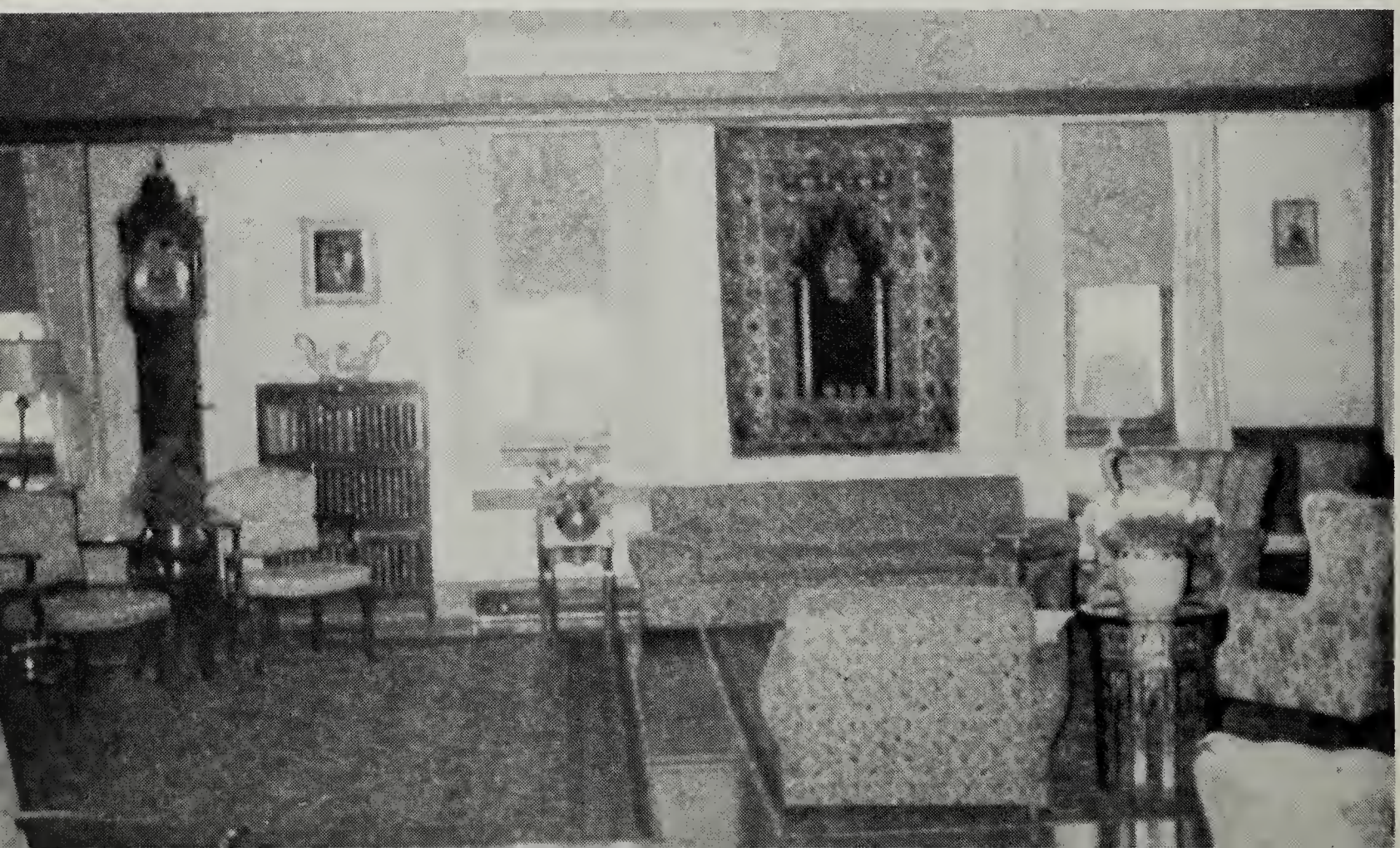
The George W. Doane Memorial Library

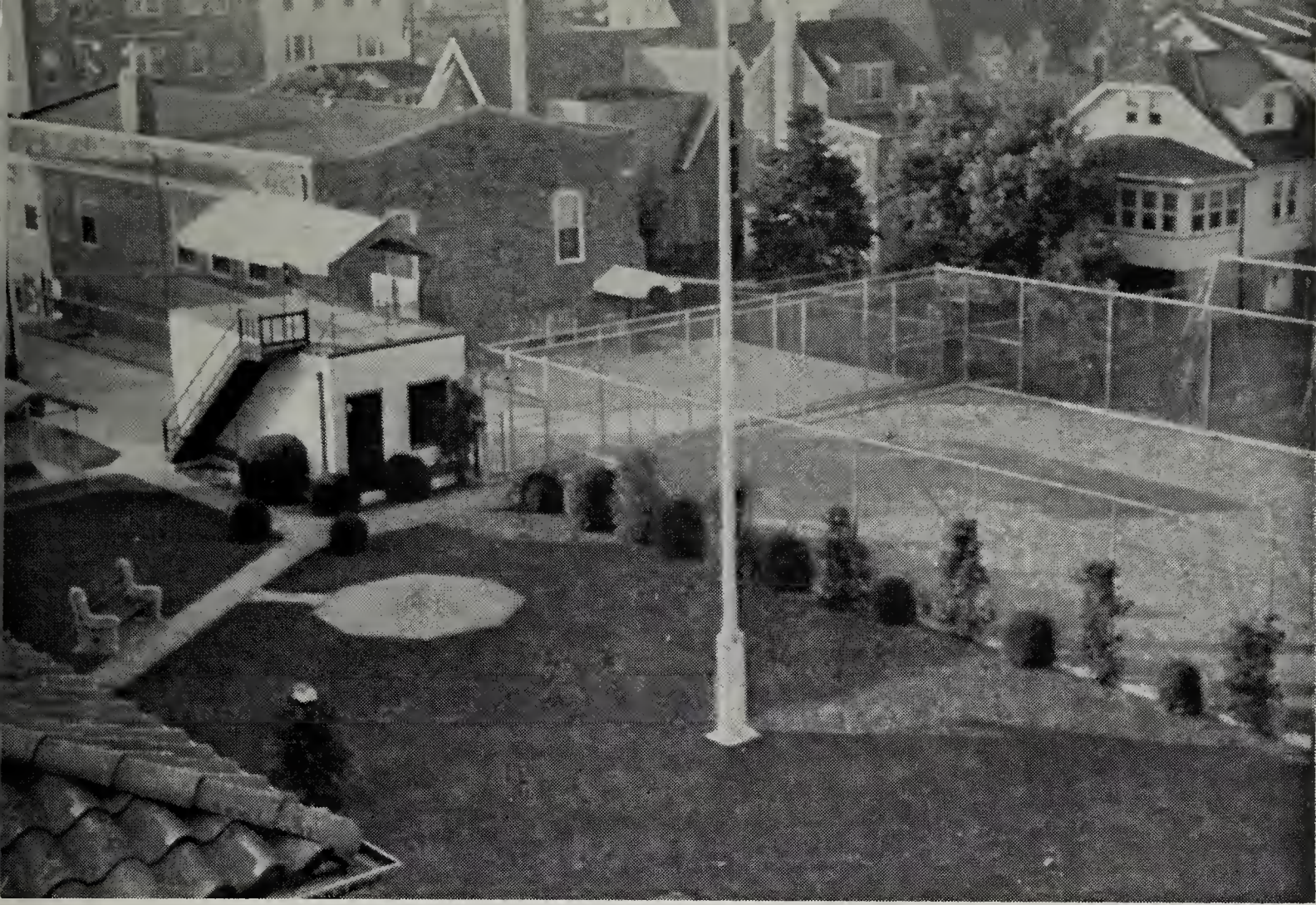
There is a fine library in "SUNNY SIDE" with quiet reading rooms adjacent, as well as a television room, a sewing room and a practice room for piano students. Young people's meetings are held in this building every Friday evening.

A branch of the Public Library is only two blocks away and our Hostess is happy to sign application cards, thereby eliminating the usual deposit required.

Tennis, ping pong, clock golf, croquet, shuffleboard and swim-

The Social Room





The Tennis Court

ming are enjoyed by our guests, and the children have a fine playground as well as a sand box for the toddlers.

During the summer months when we have a large turnover, “get together” parties are arranged so that our guests may know each other promptly and feel at home on the “WHITE COMPOUND.” The tennis, ping pong, clock golf and croquet tournaments are entered into enthusiastically and serve as an “ice breaker.” The playground and sand box serve a similar purpose for our younger guests.

The Sand Box and Sun Deck





The Play Ground

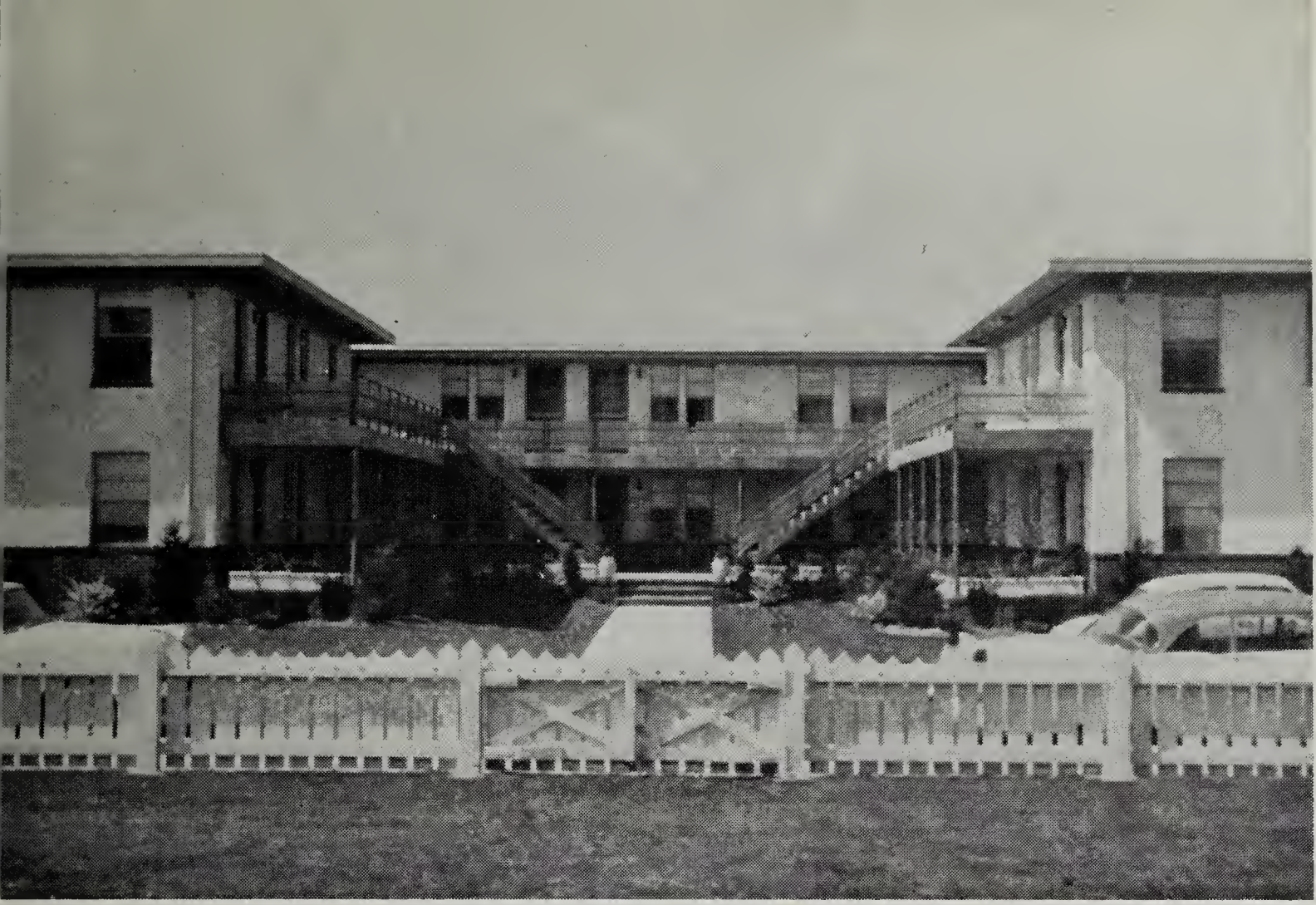
As the opportunity arose, more property was acquired and new buildings erected, until at the present time the "WHITE COMPOUND" covers practically a full block, with facilities to house thirty-six families. The apartments range in size from one to seven rooms, and each building has a well equipped laundry.

One of the latest additions to the "WHITE COMPOUND" is a fine modern building containing eight apartments, which is pictured on the next page.

You will note that the building has fine porches for the enjoyment

Fourth of July Flag Raising





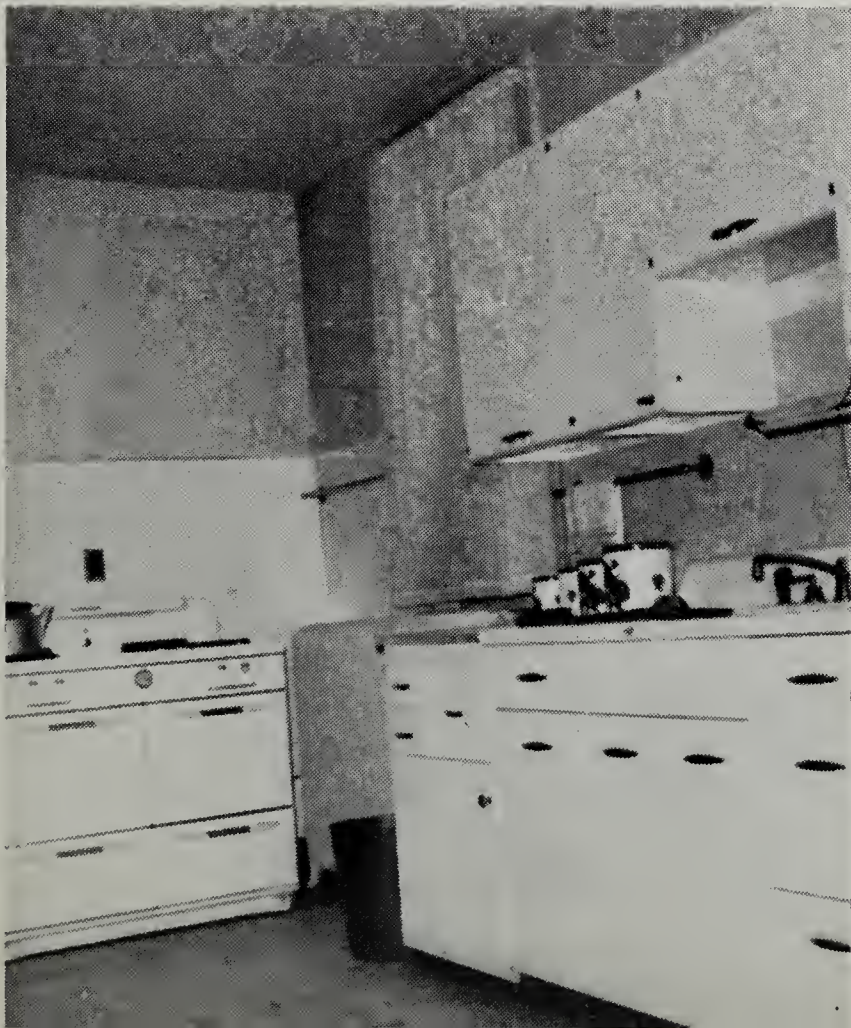
The Marguerite T. Doane Memorial Houses

of our guests, and gaily colored deck chairs add to its attractiveness. These apartments have three beautiful bedrooms each and an attractive living room, dining room and kitchen. All apartments are completely stocked with linens, silverware, dishes and kitchen ware.

The new apartments face a newly acquired park, where guests may enjoy the sun and sea air.

In 1958 nine more apartments were added to The Marguerite T. Doane Memorial Houses. These apartments contain two bedrooms each, a living-room and kitchen-dinette.

#### Glimpses of Typical Rooms





The Marguerite T. Doane Memorial Park

A parking lot for the use of the guests in these apartments lies to the rear.

The latest addition is The Doane Recreation Building, which consists of lounges, children's playroom, gymnasium, library, study, ping pong room, practice rooms and sewing room.

Here the guests may gather to watch television, listen to stereo records, or enjoy the facilities of the gymnasium and library. The library is well stocked with reference books as well as religious and popular literature.

The Doane Recreation Building



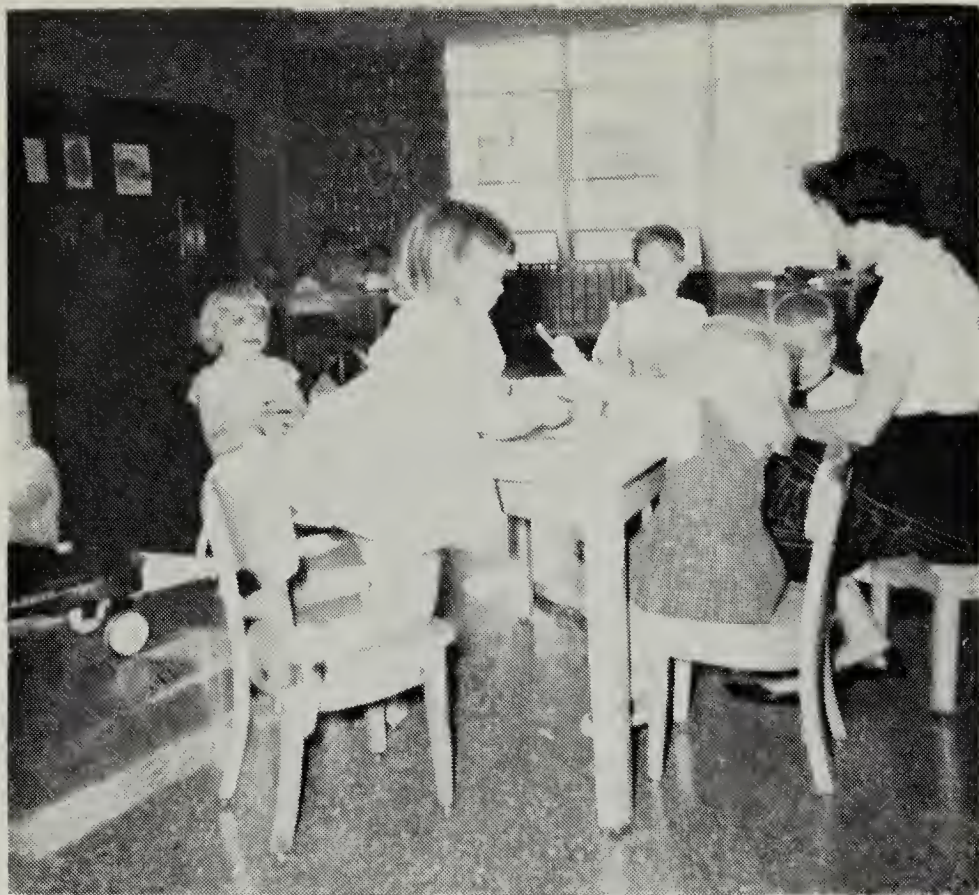
The Young People's Lounge



The Gymnasium

The Study





The Nursery



The Library



The Sewing Room

The "WHITE COMPOUND" is located two blocks from the ocean and one of the biggest attractions is bathing and sunning on the beautiful wide beach.

The apartments are available to all Protestant denominations. Preference is given to foreign missionaries home on furlough but mission board workers are also welcome if space is available.

The apartments are rent free and fully furnished for the comfort of the guests, who have only to supply their own food and care of the suite. They also undertake to leave the apartment in good condition, cleaning it thoroughly before their departure. They must also control the conduct of their children at all times. The "WHITE COMPOUND" is conveniently near to churches, schools, shopping district, and buses to Atlantic City.

The apartments are assigned for a full furlough period or for short term periods of from two weeks to a few months. Applicants should not request a long assignment if they expect to be away on deputation work for any appreciable time, for others could be using the apartment during their absence.

Applications should be made by the Mission Board under which the applicant serves to MRS. EUGENE G. BELL, *Executive Director*, 79 Laurel Drive, New Providence, New Jersey.





